ITJSG Minutes
June 28, 2000

Attendees: Mike Williams, Donna McKalip, Joan Donahue, Don Peterson, Thomas Campana, Vivian Hill, John Kuhl, LtCol Jon Paris, Jose Fernandez, Rowe Campbell, Col Sutliff (via telephone), Lorenzo Carter (via telephone), Joseph Key, Bob Zschoche, Rob Creedon.

Agenda:

1. PLAS 10.0, Milestone 1 and 2A, Project Update
2. DCMA Knowledge Management Partnership Brief
3. Haystack, Milestone 2P, Project Update

Action items and decisions in blue italics.

PLAS 10.0 Milestone 1 and 2A, Project Update:

Don Peterson, DCMAC-FA, presented the brief in two parts: Milestone 2A for FY00 and Milestone 1 for FY01.

Milestone 2A for FY00:

- PLAS maintenance and schedule improvements are planned to implement changes identified during recent year's operation and from Admin Workshop.
- Expand PLAS data collection capability.
- PLAS/RAMP relationship is best facilitated by providing an interface between the systems to furnish CAGE codes to PLAS for employee use.
- Desired outcome is to package the following modifications as a single release vice having multiple releases: upgrade PLAS software for planned FY01 enhancements, collect CAGE info at the time of deployment, and to create an interface between RAMP and PLAS to transfer CAGE codes at the time of deployment.
- The current contract is for $149.9K.
- Hours are slightly above program estimate
- The single modification to the system architecture will be the additional access to RAMP from the central database from which to draw data (chart provided in brief).
- Don Peterson and Rowe Campbell (DCMA-FBF) agreed:
  - *That under-executed monies will be returned by 1 August.*

Milestone 1 for FY01:

- PLAS 10.0 for FY01 contains both major and minor modifications, to include:
  - CAGE collection to support DCMA Supplier Risk Management methodology – to include a RAMP interface.

- Set default CAGE for plant-based staff.
- Admin enter new/missing CAGE.
- Multiple CAGE code work effort.
- New CAGE 'palette.'
- Link to RAMP for CAGE listings.
- Mandatory entry when applicable.
- New PLAS reports w/CAGE info.
- New ACAT collection framework.
- Change from PLAS assigned ACAT codes to OSD WSC Weapons System Codes.
- Provide sort order capability.
- 32 bit conversion.
- Provide user requested features accumulated over the last year – two most significant are bulk leave entry and bulk process entry.
- FY01 functionality pre-coordinated with applicable Executive Directorates.
- RAMP concept prototyped in studies at three CMO's.
- Anticipated benefits include; quicker application response time, positive OBDC calls for remote connectivity, improved supplier risk and resource management capabilities, more comprehensive program support data and expanded on-line information.
- This is a Time and Materials contract.
- Proposed deliverables; system design support, PLAS software releases, functional testing, database modifications, installation support, and consulting/advisory services.
- This is a long-standing system with no identified technical or proposal risks.

- <u>Mike Williams directed:</u>
  - *That significant functionalitychanges to any program require a Milestone 00 brief to the ITJSG.*
  - *That the Acquisition Program Baseline Agreement be presented as part of the standard briefing format, not as a separate document.*
  - *Positive coordination with both the TAWG and IDSG to ensure required assets are available and to preclude the simultaneous deployment with another system.*
  - *That once TAWG and IDSG coordination is obtained, PLAS 10.0 will be approved for further development.*

<u>DCMA Knowledge Management Partnership Brief</u>:

LtCol Jon Paris, Commander DCM Northrop Grumman Bethpage presented the brief.

- The brief provided an overview of Knowledge Management (KM), an essence of the DCMA KM strategy, DCMA Corporate Knowledge Management Center, KM Toolkit, applications and pilots, the role of technology, and the role of the ITJSG.

- Information overloads significantly impacts our ability to share existing knowledge and to create new knowledge.
- <u>Mike Williams</u>:
  - *Pointed out that a strategy must be developed to deal with or overcome this information overload or the Knowledge Management System will die from a lack of participation.*
- The world is changing from an environment described as; stable, learned, obtrusive technology, people support technology, stovepipe mentality, crisis-driven, hardware focus, information chaos and standardization to one described as flexible, learning, invisible technology, technology supporting people, strategy-driven, and knowledge centric.
- The goal is to ensure the right people have the right knowledge tools at the right time to produce the right outcomes.
- Industry seeks to provide the best value source – valuations are based substantially upon a company's unique knowledge set and the ability to rapidly adapt and employ that knowledge to gain a competitive advantage.
- KM Strategy is to establish a Corporate Knowledge Management Center to champion and facilitate these changes.
- Partner with DCMA leadership, other Centers, Districts, FST's, CLR's and CMO's to eliminate redundant, sub-optimized or localized solutions.
- Form and strengthen alliances with our customers and the commercial sector to deliver world-class contract management services.
- The Knowledge Center would report to the DCMA Deputy Director and perform the key functions of; communications and marketing, management of pilot projects, technology exploitation/R&D, external interfaces, development and deployment of training on processes and tools.
- The focus is to be on people, customers and processes to create an environment that fosters innovation, teamwork and sharing.
- The role of technology in KM would be as an enabler and to enhance technologies to simplify the rapid collection and dissemination of information.

Haystack, Milestone 2P, Project Update:

Joseph Key, DCMA-IT (Robbins-Gioia), presented a Milestone 2P brief (Dave Mabee, DCMA-OCB was TDY and unable to present the brief).

- Purpose of the brief was to provide a Haystack program progress review that included; Haystack configuration, Milestone event schedule, training interests, performance, issues and follow-up actions.
- Problem Statement – purchasing history and other cost and technical information are necessary to evaluate price proposals. Although MOCAS and other info systems provide some pricing data, the info is limited and difficult to extract, data cannot be readily obtained for contracts managed by other components, and historical info may not be available for closed contracts.
- Desired Outcome – obtain a commercial info service that provides purchasing history and other technical info for DCMA managed contracts with a database

purchasing history that includes contract numbers, date awarded, unit price, total quantity and total price. In addition, the service will allow users to access government databases containing technical info and logistical data.

- Haystack is currently undergoing environmental testing. That will be followed by a Milestone 3 brief and deployment in September.
- Training will be conducted via three mediums; the primary method of CD-ROM based on self-paced training will begin in July, followed by web-based training in September and on-site training conducted at various locations, also in September.
- Future initiatives included the need for a web-based service with multi-item query capability. Current web service is limited to single item queries.
- Projected costs for FY01 is $65K.

- <u>Rowe Campbell directed</u>:
  - *That Joseph Key coordinate with Donna Faulhaber/ABO to determine the status of this program for FY01 funding.*

Approved:

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Technology Joint Steering Group